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A Republican Form of Government.  
The near approach of the time for the assembling of Congresses excites much interest in the southern States. The people of this section have learned from world experience, that to use Jesus' Newman's language, anything in law or morals is allowable in order to the defeat and humiliation of the southern white people. The malignants do not look upon the southern States as the equals of the northern States, but as strifes to be governed from Washington; and they regard it as a "rebellion," or a refusal to serve its masters, if a southern State decides to have any policy of its own.

If the general welfare clause of the Federal Constitution cannot be so伸張ed as to make it cover the case of the Republicans or the Democrats, the malignants propose to govern the southern States under that clause which provides that the United States shall guarantee to each of the States "a republican form of government." They hold in view, that in this clause the word "republican" could begin with a capital R, and the clause be so interpreted as to make it refer to the Republican party. In a word, the malignants hold that no State has a republican form of government unless, having a majority of negroes in its population, it also elects the Republic in every election. Mississippi, South Carolina, and Louisiana must be known as a dubious form of government for a long time to come, and will not constitute a majority of the population of the States. In view of the desire to turn the slaves into the Democrats from the Southern seats in the House of Representatives are claimed by Republicans, and the southern members of that body may well dread the ordeal which it is possible at least they will soon have to face.

But what a large critical posture it is that of offering to believe that a republic form of government cannot exist where a white majority rules a black majority of votes. When the Federal Constitution was ratified, nine out of white freeholders were allowed to vote in Virginia, while so many of the men who gave form and content to the Constitution resided. Negroes were held in slaves without a suspicion on the part of the fathers of the republic that white freedmen could not enjoy a republican form of government unless they permitted negroes to vote. The most Federalists can do is to claim that the white majority of the south is not entitled to the same franchise as the white majority of the north.

One of these errors is as to the relation sustained by those commissioners to the holders of the untrusted bonds. In reference to Mr. Royal say in the State of the 26th instant:

"There is a widespread gloom over the fact that the Council of Foreign Bondholders made nothing in 1867 for the payment of the debts of the South. It is now evident that the bondholders did not mean to do this."

The town of El Paso is the place that was selected for the capital of South Dakota at the October election. A Sioux Falls correspondent of the New York Times says that Sioux Falls will have another opportunity next fall of compelling for the capital.

Mr. J. W. Penick and Mr. John L. Clegg, represented Virginia in the St. Louis Silver Convention.

BRIEF COMMENT.

yields 500,000 gallons a day and one at Passy 5,500,000 gallons.

RANDALL-MAGNUS COLLEGE,  
ASHLAND, VA., November 23, 1889.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:  
We have the most approved style of Artesian-well-driller now at work on our following wells:

I give this item because you always manifested great interest in Artesian wells, and because it is probable a number of your readers would be glad to see the operation of the machine and to get well-trained.

Some years ago we had one bored on the campus with a very imperfect implement, cutting only 10 feet at a time, and making it very slow. This was about 100 feet and was stopped in a hard rock. The water obtained came from beneath a ledge of rock six feet thick, eight feet below the surface. We were compelled to stop the pump, and it was exhausted. After administering this office for three days he surprised every one by publicly proclaiming his disgust, and turned the machine over to the driller, and the latter completed the well.

The driller, Mr. Gossman, the former superintendent of the Point, had a good well over 100 feet, and the water was clear and impure blood than anything else I ever used.

"This certifies that I was in a bad case of cancer by Hood's sarsaparilla two years ago."

WILLIAM H. NELSON, East Jefferson, Mo.

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